

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 4, 2013

The Honorable John F. Kerry  
Secretary of State  
Harry S. Truman Building  
2201 C. Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry,

An American contractor, Mr. David Gordon, is being illegally detained in Qomandani Amanya, Kabul Afghanistan. We request the Department of State expedite his release from detention.

Mr. Gordon is a contractor working for Tamerlane Global Services, which is located in northern Virginia. He is a father of two with another child on the way. He was detained April 3, 2013 without any charges levied against him. Additionally, the Deputy Attorney General within the Afghan Attorney General's office referenced that this was related to an ongoing commercial contract dispute and is asking for US \$2.4 million for his release.

We were deeply concerned to learn that Mr. Gordon was beaten during the night of April 3, sustaining several injuries, and was not sent to the infirmary until April 4, 2013. The threats that he is receiving and the demonstrated lack of protection during his confinement give us serious concern about his welfare.


We request that the Department of State intervene and expedite the release of this illegally detained American.

Thank you for your prompt attention on this matter, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
Rep. Scott Rigell (VA-2)

  
Rep. Frank Wolf (VA-10)

  
Rep. Duncan Hunter (CA-50)